

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-23. (canceled)

24. (new) A watch case comprising a middle (7) and a back with:

a cover (4) that is screwed or clamped into a middle (7) and that defines an external surface of the back, and

a false back (11) installed against an internal surface of said cover,

wherein an electronic identification element (5, 6) provided only with an integrated circuit and an antenna is installed between said cover (4) and said false back (11),

said cover (4) and/or said false back (11) are metal,

said cover (4) has a thickness of about 5 to 7 tenths of a millimeter,

the identification element is completely separate from all other parts of the watch and has no connection with any battery, and

said electronic identification element (5, 6) is adapted to solely be supplied with energy by induction.

25. (new) The watch case according to claim 24,  
wherein said false back (11) is attached securely  
against said internal surface of said cover (4) and forms a cavity  
in which is installed the identification element (5,6),  
said false back (11) comprises a decoration (10) on the  
glass side,  
said decoration (10) is marked in a thickness of said  
false back, and  
the decoration is a surface treatment of the false back  
(11) identical to that used for other parts of the cover (4) so as  
to make utilization of the false back have as little visibility as  
possible.

26. (new) The watch case according to claim 24, wherein  
said false back (11) is attached securely against said internal  
surface of said cover (4).

27. (new) The watch case according to claim 24, wherein  
the identification element (5, 6) uses a frequency that is  
distinctly lower than those ordinarily used for standard RFID  
elements, in order to allow transmission through the metal.

28. (new) The watch case according to claim 24,  
wherein the identification element (5, 6) uses a frequency that is

less than 50 kHz, in order to allow transmission through the metal.